part I and para 4A of the concept paper contains the provision regarding generation of financial/physical resources on the part of the universities by tapping various sources, like, Central/State Governments, Non-Governmental Organisations, International Funding Agencies, Philanthropists and other donors, etc.

The UGC has clarified that the proposed Model Act, as and when finalized, shall not be binding on any university. Rather, it would work as a reference document for the universities which want to amend their existing Act to facilitate them in the implementation of various innovative ideals, like, autonomy to colleges resource mobilization, use of IT in management etc. UGC does not propose to encroach upon the autonomy of the universities or to reduce funding to the universities through the proposed Model Act.

Uniform fee structure in IIMs

*17. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether IIMs have evolved any uniform fee structure for new students;

(b) if so, the consensus formula finalised over fee reduction; and

(c) its impact on the principle of autonomy in all institutions of higher learning?

THE MINISTER HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) At the instance of the Government, all the six Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) at Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Calcutta, Lucknow, Indore and Kozhikode deliberated on the fee structure for new students with a view to reach a consensus in the matter. In this regard, they have decided that:

(i) The Institutes will ensure that no student faces any difficulty in pursuing education at the Institute for want of financial resources;

(ii) The fees charged by the Institutes in the year 2003-04 will be continued in the session starting June, 2004;

(iii) All the IIMs will provide a need-based financial assistance scheme to both the first and second year students;

(iv) All students admitted, whose annual gross family income is Rs. 2 lakh and below, will be eligible for receiving financial assistance up to a full tuitition fee waiver; and

(v) The IIMs will consider, in appropriate cases, supporting the students beyond the tuitition fee waiver. Apart from the tuitition fee, the expenditure by students on hostel and mess charges can also be waived. All the Institutes will give active assistance and support to all other students who need to obtain bank loans.

The Government is fully committed to respecting the autonomy of all the institutes of higher learning which have attained excellence. For respecting the autonomy of the IIMs, the Government has accepted the aforesaid fee structure and has withdrawn its earlier order dated 5th February, 2004 fixing fee in IIMs at Rs. 30,000/- per annum on 29th June, 2004.

The above decision is expected to strengthen the process of giving more autonomy to all the institutes of higher learning.

Leakage of IIT Entrance Examination papers

*18. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that papers of IIT Entrance Examination, which was held on 23rd May, 2004, were leaked;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard;

(c) what would be its impact on the new generation of the students; and

(d) the number of students arrested in such type of cases during the last three years, upto 31st May, 2004?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The Ministry has no such information.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.